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1. ITALIAN DELEGATION OFFICER (CIARRAPICO) HAS TWICE ASKED US IF US HAS DECIDED TO ABANDON THE IDEA OF A TACTICS PAPER ON OPTION III. WE HAVE TOLD HIM THIS IS NOT THE CASE, AND THAT THE US IS STILL CONSIDERING THE POSSIBLE CONTENT OF SUCH A PAPER, ALTHOUGH WE, LIKE OTHERS, CAN SEE THAT THERE IS ALREADY A GOOD DEAL ON TACTICS IN THE DRAFT GUIDANCE AND POSITION PAPER. CIARRAPICO TOLD US TODAY THAT ROME BELIEVES VERY STRONGLY THERE SHOULD BE A SERPARTE TACTICS PAPER.

2. US HAS TOLD FRG THAT WE WONDER IF A TACTICS PAPER WOULD SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE, BUT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO SUBMIT A TEXT IF FRG STILL FEELS IT NECESSARY (REF A). US IS NOW AWAITING FRG DECISION ON WHETHER A TACTICS PAPER IS NECESSARY, IN LIGHT
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OF US DRAFT TEXT IN REF B. WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT TO PERSUADE ITALIANS AND OTHERS TO DROP THE IDEA OF A TACTICS PAPER, IN VIEW OF THIS COMMITMENT TO FRG, BUT HAVE TAKEN THE LINE IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

3. ITALY AND BELGIUM HAVE BOTH INDICATED STRONG INTEREST IN A
TACTICS PAPER, BUT IF FRG DEPARTS COMPANY FROM THEM, WE ASSUME
SPC WILL AGREE TO DROP THE IDEA.STREATOR

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